

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
	:	Examiner: David H. Bollinger
MASAYOSHI FUKATSU ET AL.)	
	:	Group Art Unit: 3653
Application No.: 10/824,421)	
	:	Confirmation No.: 6473
Filed: April 15, 2004)	
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For: SHEET TREATING APPARATUS AND)	October 27, 2006
IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS	:	

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND
RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the outstanding Official Action mailed September 27, 2006,

Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks: